

I am writing in support of SB 969. As a retired middle school teacher, I know there is no single definition that fits for all seventh or eighth grade students. I can attest to the immature, foolish actions of many teenagers. Life long consequences should not be attached to those actions.

SB 969 rightly makes waivers to adult court a specific decision of a judge. Special, specific circumstances may give cause for a desire to move to adult court, but that should only occur because a special hearing was held to determine such action. I would hope that any such waivers would be seriously considered, and granted only in extremely rare situations.

Thank you for your work on these issues and I urge you to vote "yes" for SB 969.

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